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TITLE OF INVENTION: LIGATIONAL ENCODING USING BUILDING BLOCK OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit	
SAMUEL C. WOOLWINE	1637	

All Participants:

(1) SAMUEL C. WOOLWINE.

Status of Application: _____

(3) ____.

(2) IVER P. COOPER.

(4) ____.

Date of Interview: 5 November 2009

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- Telephonic
- Video Conference
- Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

1, 9, 85

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

Discussed removing limitations involving the term "preferably" and to recite these limitations in separate dependent claims.

Part III.

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/Samuel Woolwine/
Examiner, AU 1637

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to papers filed 07/28/2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 12, 46-48, 52, 53, 81, 82, 85 and 174-181.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20091105.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Young J Kim/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1637

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Iver P. Cooper on November 5, 2009. Applicant is not required to submit a summary of the interview, the substance of which was a discussion of removing limitations involving the term "preferably" and to recite these limitations in separate dependent claims.

The application has been amended as follows: Please replace claims 1, 9 and 85 with the following claims, and add claims 179-181:

Claim 1. A method for synthesising one or more bifunctional complexes each comprising a) a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities and b) an identifier polynucleotide identifying one or more or all of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, said method comprising the steps of:

- i) providing a plurality of building blocks at least some of which comprise one or more chemical entities linked to an identifier oligonucleotide,
- ii) providing one or more connector oligonucleotides capable of hybridising to the identifier oligonucleotides of the building blocks provided in step i),

iii) hybridising identifier oligonucleotides of the building blocks to the one or more connector oligonucleotides,

iv) ligating identifier oligonucleotides hybridised to connector oligonucleotide(s), thereby generating an identifier polynucleotide comprising covalently linked identifier oligonucleotides at least some of which are linked to one or more chemical entities,

v) separating the identifier polynucleotide from the one or more optionally ligated connector oligonucleotide(s),

vi) reacting the chemical entities linked to the identifier polynucleotide in the absence of hybridisation between identifier oligonucleotides and connector oligonucleotides, and

vii) obtaining a bifunctional complex comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of the chemical entities, said molecule being linked to an identifier polynucleotide identifying at least some ~~and preferably all~~ of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule.

Claim 9. A method for synthesising a bifunctional complex comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities, wherein said molecule is linked to an identifier polynucleotide identifying one or more of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, said method comprising the steps of:

i) providing a plurality of building blocks selected from the group consisting of

- a) building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide linked to one or more chemical entities,
- b) building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide linked to one or more reactive groups, and
- c) ~~building blocks comprising an identifier oligonucleotide comprising a spacer or hybridisation region, wherein said building blocks comprising a spacer or hybridisation region are preferably connector oligonucleotides to which building blocks of groups a) and b) can hybridise,~~
 - ii) generating a hybridisation complex comprising at least n building blocks by hybridising the identifier oligonucleotide of one building block to the identifier oligonucleotide of at least one other building block, wherein n is an integer of 4 or more, wherein at least 3 of said at least n building blocks comprise a chemical entity, wherein no single identifier oligonucleotide is hybridised to all of the remaining identifier oligonucleotides,
 - wherein optionally at least one of said building blocks of group c) is immobilised to a solid support, thereby providing a handle to which an oligonucleotide of at least one building block of groups a) or b) can hybridise,
 - iii) covalently linking identifier oligonucleotides of building blocks comprising one or more chemical entities, thereby obtaining at least one identifier polynucleotide comprising covalently linked identifier oligonucleotides each associated with one or more chemical entities,

iv) optionally separating said identifier polynucleotide obtained in step iii) from any optionally immobilised connector oligonucleotides hybridised thereto, wherein said separation optionally comprises the step of diverting said identifier polynucleotide comprising covalently linked identifier oligonucleotides each associated with one or more chemical entities to a different reaction compartment, thereby separating said identifier polynucleotide from said optionally immobilised connector oligonucleotides,

v) reacting said at least 3 chemical entities linked to the identifier polynucleotide in the absence of hybridisation between identifier oligonucleotides and connector oligonucleotides, and

vi) obtaining a bifunctional complex comprising a molecule resulting from the reaction of a plurality of chemical entities, wherein said molecule is linked to an identifier polynucleotide identifying one or more of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule[;]]

~~preferably, all chemical entities to be reacted are linked to the same identifier polynucleotide.~~

Claim 85. A method for generating a library of bifunctional complexes comprising a molecule and an identifier polynucleotide capable of identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, or identifying the reaction steps having led to the synthesis of the molecule, said method comprising the steps of:

hybridising a plurality of building block identifier oligonucleotides to a plurality of connector oligonucleotides each capable of hybridising to one or more building block

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oligonucleotides, said building block identifier oligonucleotides being linked to one or more chemical entities,

covalently linking said building block oligonucleotides hybridised to one or more connector oligonucleotides, thereby generating a plurality of identifier polynucleotides linked to a plurality of non-reacted chemical entities,

separating the identifier polynucleotides from the optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides, ~~preferably by degrading the optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides and/or by performing a washing step wherein the identifier polynucleotides are associated with a solid support capable of being separated from non-bound, optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides~~

reacting chemical entities linked to each of a plurality of different identifier polynucleotides,

and generating a library of bifunctional complexes each comprising a different molecule and an identifier polynucleotide identifying the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule, wherein each of the plurality of molecules are generated by reacting at least 2 chemical entities associated with different building block oligonucleotides.

179. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier polynucleotide at step vii identifies all of the chemical entities having participated in the synthesis of the molecule.

180. The method of claim 9, wherein all chemical entities to be reacted are linked to the same identifier polynucleotide.

181. The method of claim 85, wherein separating the identifier polynucleotide from the optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides is performed by degrading the optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides and/or by performing a washing step wherein the identifier polynucleotides are associated with a solid support capable of being separated from non-bound, optionally ligated connector oligonucleotides.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art is exemplified by WO 02/074929, cited on the IDS of 05/29/2008. In the prior art method, chemical entities to be reacted are attached to oligonucleotides, which are then hybridized adjacently on a template nucleic acid to bring the chemical entities into close proximity to facilitate their reaction. There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art of ligating, or otherwise covalently linking, the oligonucleotides and carrying out the reaction in the absence of hybridization as recited in the instant claims. The claimed methods offer an improvement over the prior art in that conditions may be used during the reaction that would not be compatible with hybridization (see page 2, lines 28-33 of specification as filed).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAMUEL C. WOOLWINE whose telephone number is (571)272-1144. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on (571) 272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1637

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